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Several thousand coin enthusiasts attended the annual convention of the Numismatists of Wisconsin, June 5,6 & 7 in Madison. The Madison Coin Club was host for the three-day event held in the Park Motor Inn.

The show opened at 11:30 a.m. Friday with Mayor Reynolds being presented a silver medal specially struck for this occasion; and by 2 p.m. the bourse room was crowded. It remained crowded as an estimated 6,000 visitors came from throughout the state to participate. Madison Club members had appeared on 2 TV programs and one telephone - answer type radio program to publicize the show.

The many fine exhibits included the famous 1913 Liberty Nickle owned by J. V. McDermott of Milwaukee; and a piece of stone money from Yap which required three men to carry in, owned by Gordon Gill, Madison. The 1st National Bank of Waupun, with the help of the U. S. Treasury office in Milwaukee, exhibited both genuine and counterfeit currency.

Thirty dealers participated in the bourse, coming from as far away as Arizona, Texas, Florida, Washington D.C., and Canada. They reported doing a "land-office" business.

Special activities arranged for convention guests included tours of points of interest in Madison Friday, and a luncheon and style show for the ladies Saturday at Manchesters.

A "typical" N.O.W. member stopped just long enough to have his picture snapped.

FLOYD JANNEY LOSES $15,000 IN COINS WHILE ATTENDING N.O.W. SHOW

Floyd Janney of Waukesha, Wis. and a member of the Milwaukee Numismatic Society, reported to County police that between $15,000 and $20,000 in coins & currency was stolen from Janney's car while attending the N.O.W. convention at the Park Motor Inn.

The auto was locked and was parked in the Dane County parking ramp, which is one block from the convention site.

The loss was only an estimate; Floyd said it could be higher.

EXHIBIT WINNERS AT MADISON WERE:

BEST IN SHOW
Bruce Glen, Indianapolis, for an outstanding display of the Society of American Medalists medals.

SPECIAL AWARD - Lamp of Knowledge
Ron Calkins, Mazomanie
"Wisconsin Banking Before 1863"

U.S. COINS
1st - R.C. Koerth, Sun Prairie
2nd - Mrs. V. Jackson, Beaver Dam

PAPER MONEY
1st - A.P. Bertschy, Milwaukee
2nd - V. Jackson, Beaver Dam

MEDALS
1st - F. Brown, Madison
"Presidential Medals"

FOREIGN COINS
1st - Mrs. B. Glen, Indianapolis
"Queen Elizabeth II Type Set"
2nd - Mrs. V. Jackson
"Our Neighbors to the North"
3rd - Ed Weigrad, Madison

MISCELLANEOUS
1st - Virgil Jackson
"Odd & Curious"
2nd - Gerald Johnson, Wis. Rapids
"Rare Streetcar Tokens"
3rd - Ray Rinden, Madison

COWs ATTEND CONVENTION

Many of the members of Numismatists of Wisconsin could be identified at our convention by their "N. O. W." badges. Imagine our surprise when some of the guests wore identically-colored badges claiming membership in an "organization" called Collectors Of Wisconsin... Hmmm...and in a dairy state too!

COLLECTORS HAVE GOOD EYES - BUT...

No one noticed until the show was closed that the sign on the Hospitality Room read Numisnatic News Hospitality Room. Yet a collector will spot a rare date on a coin every time.

Two of the dealers who attended our show were Art Zoellner & Clayton High. Clayton, incidentally, is our ANA-NOW liaison officer. The pictures are from security photos which were taken by polaroid camera when a dealer checked into the security room. Two guards were in the security room at all times.

So that's where you were, Bessy!

ON GUARD...
GETS BATH...
STILL SLEEPS...

John Powell, member of the Madison Coin Club, certainly is a sound sleeper. At our convention he spent several nights on guard in the Security Room at the Hotel. During the first night he accidentally knocked over a pitcher of ice water which had been sitting on the table beside his bed, but didn't discover it until the next morning.

Incidentally, John took all of the fine convention pictures appearing in this issue of N.O.W. News.

The convention was held in Madison's finest hotel, the Park Motor Inn.

The show opened as chairman Ron Calkins presented Madison's Mayor, Henry Reynolds, with a silver medal.

The convention swung into motion with bourse chairman, Gordon Gill, ironing out small problems as they arose.

A visitor, Dick Yeoman, and President Chet Krause, relax in the Numismatic News Hospitality Room, where convention visitors were served coffee and cookies by members of the Krause Publications' staff.

Secretary Johnson collects dues from charter member (#29), Wm. Tragsdorf, who now lives in Neilsville, Wis. Mr. Tragsdorf has been in California for three years prior to his returning to Wisconsin.

The National Bank of Waupun exhibited counterfeit and real currency. The large photostats in the back were actually used in a court case. The material for this exhibit was furnished by the U. S. Treasury Department in Milwaukee.

A Saturday evening banquet was held after the bourse closed.

During the banquet President Krause was presented a silver medal in appreciation of the fine assistance and work during his term of office.

Visitors view the "Best In Show" exhibit of Bruce Glen, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Bourse was crowded from Friday afternoon on...

Dick Yeoman, editor of the "Red Book," spoke of some of the problems involved in bringing out the new 1965 edition.

MINUTES OF BANQUET AND N.O.W. MEETING
June 6, 1964 9:30 p.m.

The meeting was held in the main dining room of the Park Motor Inn with 80 persons attending.

After President Krause welcomed members, Sec. - Treas. Johnson reported $560 in the treasury, with major expenditures during 1964 being nearly $600 for exhibit cases and shippers, and for printing and mailing N.O.W. News.

The nominating committee presented the following slate:

President
Ralph Parker, Racine
Merle Jacoby, Beaver Dam

Vice-President
Ron Selig, Appleton
Gordon Gill, Madison

Board of Governors
Del Bertschy, Milwaukee
Harry Collura, Milwaukee
Tom Fruit, Green Bay
Gordon Gill, Madison
G.H. McHenry, LaCrosse
Wilburt Schenk, Merrill
Ron Selig, Appleton
Monte Sherwin, Black River Falls

There were no nominations from the floor. Results of the election were:

President	Ralph Parker
Vice-President	Gordon Gill
Board of Governors	Harry Collura
	Tom Fruit
	Monte Sherwin

A fine buffet supper was presented by the Park Hotel.

Ron Calkins, acting in his capacity as president of the Madison Club, voiced his thanks to all who contributed to the success of the show. A presentation of Silver Convention Medals followed. Honored were: past president, Robert Branigan, who was in the hospital and unable to attend; retiring president, Chester Krause; and Mr. Richard Yeoman for his service to numismatics in Wisconsin and the nation.

The out-of-town dealers were introduced by Mr. Krause.

Mr. Yeoman spoke on the Whitman Redbook and the problems involved in editing and publishing this "Bible of the Collecting Fraternity". Speaking of his service on the 1964 assey commission, Mr. Yeoman explained the origin and evolution of the "Trial of the Pyx". Mr. Yeoman's "story behind the obverse design" of the new Kennedy half-dollar highlighted an interesting evening's entertainment.

Exhibit awards for first place winners were presented and the banquet meeting was adjourned.

Gerald Johnson
Secretary

N.O.W. KEEPS GROWING

Twenty - three new members joined us as members of N.O.W. during the convention in Madison last month, plus another 87 members paid their dues and renewed their membership.

NEW N.O.W. OFFICERS

At the business session of our recent 1964 convention, Ralph Parker of Racine was elected our new president, with Gordon Gill becoming vice - president. New terms of office on the Board of Governors will begin for:

Tom Fruit, Green Bay
Harry Collura, Milwaukee
H.S. Sherwin, Black River Falls

1965 N.O.W. CONVENTION

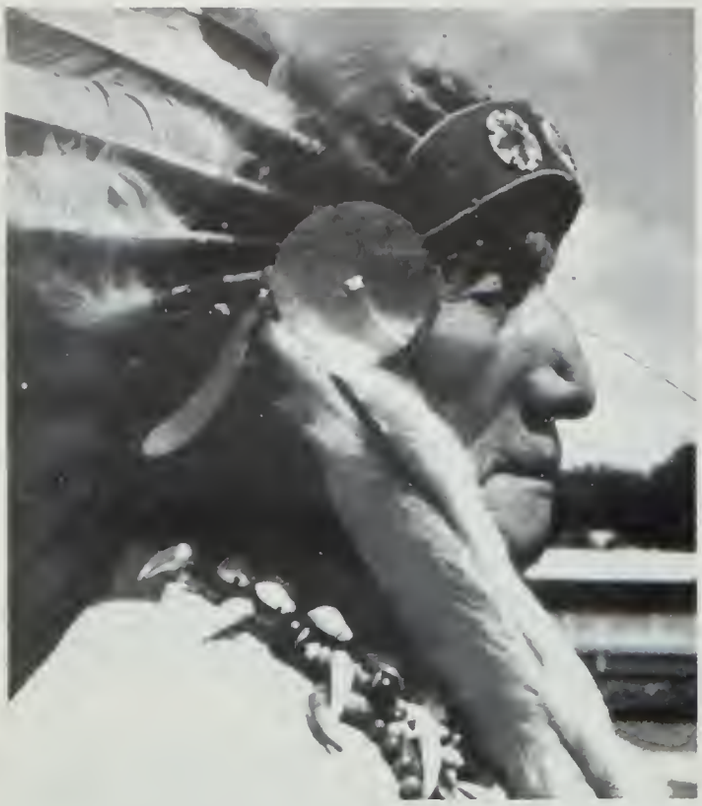
Next year's N. O. W. Convention will be held at the Hotel Northland in Green Bay the first weekend in June. Plans already are being made.

DUES ARE DUE

N.O.W. dues for 1965 are now being collected. Send your $1.00 dues to Gene Johnson, 1921 Chase Street, Wisconsin Rapids. Act now to keep your name on the mailing list. Mr. Johnson will continue to act as secretary until President Parker appoints a new one.

PAST PRESIDENT ILL

Past N.O.W. President, Robert Branigan, has been in the Mayo Clinic with an eye ailment. We all wish him a speedy recovery.



NICKEL INDIAN - SPECIAL GUEST IN WAUPUN

Chief John Big Tree of the Iroquois Indians helped Waupun celebrate its 125th Anniversary the first four days of this month.

As coin collectors, we were interested to learn that Chief Big Tree's forehead, eyes and nose are on the Indianhead nickle, while the rest of the face on the coin is a composite of a Sioux chief and a Cheyenne chief. His complete facial features are used as the trademark for the Pontiac car.

The Chief spent six months in the winter of 1912-13 posing for the world-famous End of the Trail statue and the nickle. Waupun industrialist, Clarence Shaller, saw "The End of the Trail" at the Panama-Pacific exposition and being so impressed, had it cast in bronze and presented to the city of Waupun. The silhouette was taken by the city as its official trademark.

Chief Big Tree and his wife are residing on the Onondaga Reservation near Syracuse, New York. The Chief is 98 years old and is both a movie and TV star. While in Waupun the Chief was guest of the National Bank.

During the 4-day celebration the members of the Waupun Coin Club exhibited coins, currency, and primative money at the National Bank. The State Bank had a fine exhibit thru the courtesy of the Federal Bank of Chicago--which included a complete array of banknotes. Everything from broken banknotes, fractional currency, to National banknotes were included.

LOST 'N FOUND

We are happy to report that the club we reported missing in one of our previous issues has been found. The Tomah Coin Club's new secretary is Nick Hasenstab, 1103 Oak Street; Tomah, Wisconsin.

NEW ASSISTANT EDITOR

Gene Johnson has joined the editorial staff of N. O. W. News. Since he soon will be outgoing as secretary-treasurer, we certainly wouldn't want to loose the fine work he has done this past year in writing and forwarding news to us.

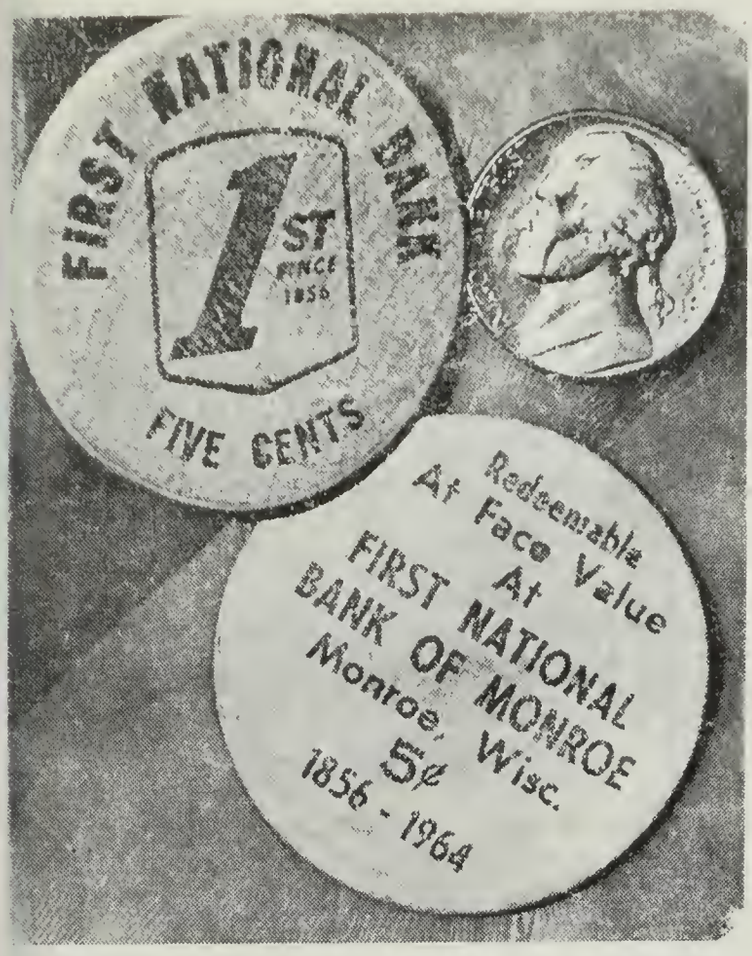
INFORMATION PLEASE?

We will soon be listing all Wisconsin Clubs again. Our listings can't be and won't be complete if your club has not notified us of any changes that may have been made since N. O. W. News last carried this information. For example, we recently found one club carried a secretary who no longer even attended meetings.

We urge all clubs to get a Post Office Box, which remains the same no matter who the elected officers are. In this way your listing in the various directories (ANA, CSNS, NOW) are always up-to-date and correct.

DO YOU HAVE A COMPLAINT?

If you haven't been receiving your copy of N.O.W. News and your dues are paid, please let us know and don't be angry with the volunteers who give time and services to your N. O. W. We all make mistakes. Notify your secretary or editor on any problems you have and we will try and take care of them for you.



DON'T MAKE ANY WOODEN NICKELS...

The Treasury Department quickly ended Monroe's attempt to solve the shortage of nickels problem. In cooperation with local merchants, the 1st National Bank of Monroe placed 19,550 wooden-nickels into circulation.

From the 20,000 originally issued, a Secret Service agent confiscated the remaining 450 "nickels" from the bank, and ordered the impoundment of the remaining 19,500 when, and if, they are returned to the bank for redemption.

The project was originally intended as a local promotion, but the word was spread and requests began to arrive by the sackful from as far away as West Berlin.

MINT SHUTS DOWN

Did you know -- the mint usually shuts down for a 4-week period during June for a full "inventory" of bullion, etc. and maintenance of machinery. This year, because of the critical coin shortage, the mint closed down only 7 days, June 22 to June 30. This seriously retards the maintenance program.

MORE ON WOODEN NICKELS

The Racine Coin Club also issued a wooden nickel to celebrate its May 9-10 show.

To help Waupun celebrate their 125th Anniversary Jubilee July 1-4, a wooden nickel was issued which was good for 5¢ in trade at any business. These met with the same fate as did those at Monroe, with the remaining ones being confiscated by the Secret Service.

This was the scene as the Secret Service confiscated the remaining wooden nickels at Waupun. Shown from left to right are:
General Chairman of the Jubilee, Gerald Harmsen, Leif Olson of the National Bank, Donald Dykstra, President of the Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the Jubilee, and Barbara Wilson, daughter of the Chamber's Executive Secretary.

Mr. Olson reported that 120 (two bags) were confiscated and about 5,000 were in circulation.

INTERESTING STATISTICS

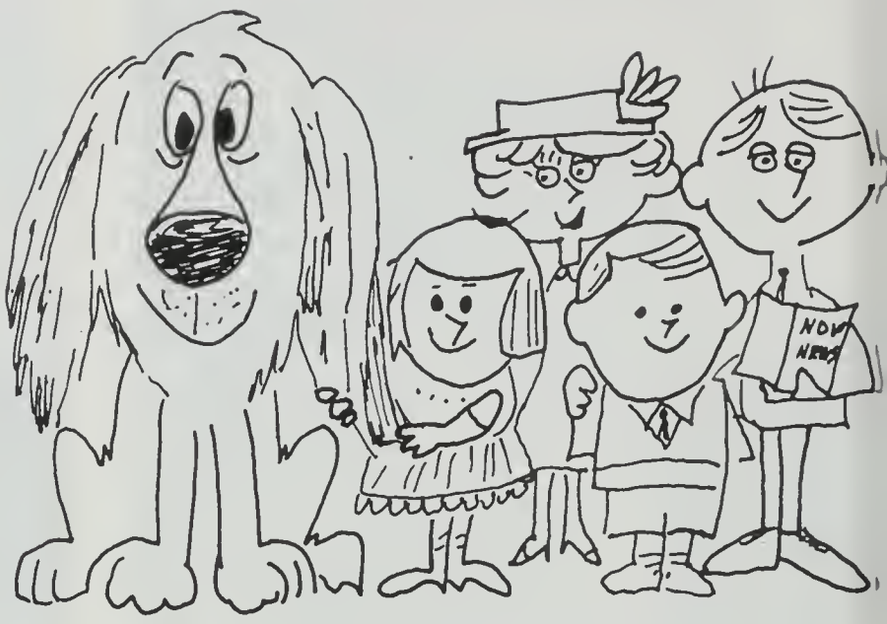
The announced 90 million Kennedy half dollars have now been produced. The mint now plans 90 million more or 180 million total.

World Production of Silver
is 210.5 million ounces
World Consumption of Silver
is 419.2 million ounces
U.S. Production of Silver
is only 37 million ounces
The Deficit in U.S.
is 153 million ounces a year.

THE MINT has been working overtime, thus increasing production by 21 million coins a week.

ODDS 'N ENDS

in club news



PICNIC PLANS

The Wisconsin Valley Coin Club (Wausau) will be holding their annual picnic on Sunday, August 23rd at Iola, Wis., so how about putting this event on your calendar and join the fun.

NEW ADDITION FOR KRAUSE PUBLICATIONS

Krause Publications is building a small print shop at Iola. As you know, Numismatic News and Coins Magazine are now published there, so this addition will help make their whole operation more independent. We also hear that N.O.W. News may be printed there in the near future.

CLUB TIDBITS

The Nicolet Coin Club of Green Bay held its annual picnic June 24. 150 people were expected to join in the annual event, which was financed by the club.

The recent Oshkosh Coin Club show was attended by 22 dealers.

A 1965 Spring Show is being planned by the Wausau Coin Club.

Officers of the Waupun Coin Club elected recently at a meeting in Waupun, Wis., are: Jerry Wickus, president; Ed Kellom, vice - president; Dale Beske, secretary - treasurer; and John Kirkpatrick, reporter. The club, organized recently, meets in the National Bank in Waupun.

PAPER CITY PICNIC

The Paper City Coin Club of Wisconsin Rapids held their annual picnic Thursday evening, June 11. 74 members, their families and guests enjoyed a delicious bratwurst and hamburger supper. An auction of 78 lots followed the meal.

LA CROSSE PLANS SEPTEMBER SHOW

September 12 - 13 are the dates set for the Second Annual Show of the LaCrosse Coin Club. The show, which is being held at the Mary Sawyer Auditorium, will feature exhibits, bourse, and food will be available in the auditorium. Both lunches and full meals will be served.

25 bourse tables are available for $25. Applications should be sent to G. A. McHenry, Route 2, LaCrosse, Wis. All payments must be made before August 12.

People interested in exhibiting should notify Mr. McHenry, giving the number of cases they plan to exhibit, whether or not they have their own cases, and the number of cases needed, if any.

Through an extensive publicity campaign the club hopes to make their second show an even greater success than last year's. Hotel reservations can be made at the Ivy Motel, just across the street from the auditorium or at the Stoddard Hotel.

RACINE SHOW

An estimated 2,000 collectors attended the recent 26th annual show of Racine Numismatic Society.

Whitman Publishing Co. of Racine, with staff editors R.S. Yeoman, Ken Bresset, and Neil Shafer, conducted a coin clinic. They also hosted the Hospitality Room, where coffee & refreshments were served.

Mr. J. V. McDermott, owner of the 1913 Liberty nickel and Mr. Chet Krause, of Numismatic News, attended the 2-day show. Thirty-two dealers reported doing a brisk business. A Saturday night auction was conducted by Roy Miller of R.A.M. Coins.

In the exhibit competition, trophies were awarded to...

BEST IN SHOW
Bruno Rzepka
"Paper Money Errors"

PAPER MONEY
1st - Nancy Opitz
2nd - Neil Shafer
3rd - Ralph Parker

U.S. COINS
1st - Bill Spencer
2nd - Jim Kroepfl
3rd - Bob Boehm

MEDALS & TOKENS
1st - Ralph Parker
2nd - Chester Konicki
3rd - Ron Carls

FOREIGN
1st - A.R. Birkholz
2nd - Roger Worlund
3rd - Ken Bresset

MISCELLANEOUS
1st - Charles Opitz
2nd - Paul Albreo
3rd - Bill Spencer

NEW COIN SHOP IN APPLETON

Russ and Fran Selig are the owners of a new coin shop opened in Appleton earlier this year.

The R & F Coin Shop, located at 121 N. Appleton Street, in Appleton, stocks an extensive selection of coins and coin supplies, reflecting the owners' fifteen years of experience in the coin business.

The Seligs are members of the Fox Valley, Oshkosh, and Green Bay Coin Clubs, and also belong to the Central States, Numismatists of Wisconsin and the American Numismatic Association.

TROPHIES, TROPHIES, WHO'S GOT THE TROPHIES?

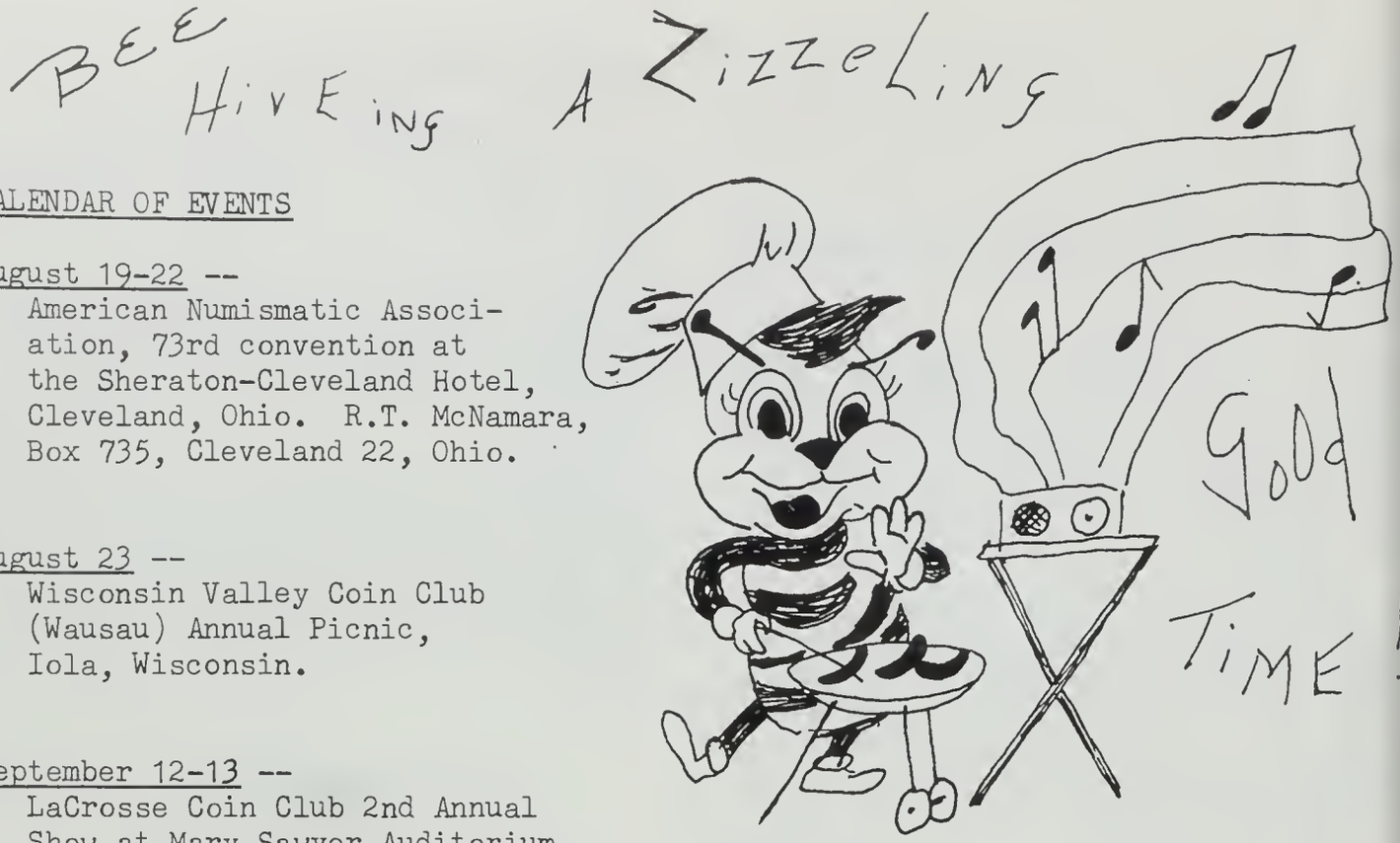
Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Jackson will soon have to build a new and larger mantel for their fireplace if they keep winning trophies for their excellent exhibits.

In addition to the two they won at the Beaver Dam show, they took four more trophies at our convention in Madison. Only Virgil's honesty kept him from taking home a fifth one --- he was presented one for Odd & Curious Saturday evening at the banquet, and another had been erroneously left beside the exhibit itself.

Since our show last month, the Jacksons have added three more from the Monroe show. Our Congratulations!

We hear they may be planning a trip to Europe; perhaps Virgil will write an article for us when he returns.

(Editor's Note: If the mantel gets too crowded, they can always send me a few. My mantel is almost empty.)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 19-22 --
American Numismatic Association, 73rd convention at the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio. R.T. McNamara, Box 735, Cleveland 22, Ohio.

August 23 --
Wisconsin Valley Coin Club (Wausau) Annual Picnic, Iola, Wisconsin.

September 12-13 --
LaCrosse Coin Club 2nd Annual Show at Mary Sawyer Auditorium, LaCrosse. G.A. McHenry, Rt. #2, LaCrosse, 54601.

October 17-18 --
Baraboo Coin Club 2nd Annual Coin Festival at the Elks Club, Baraboo. Clarence Rudolph, 404 2nd Avenue, Baraboo.

October 25 --
Milwaukee Numismatic Society 30th anniversary at the Memorial Center, 750 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive, Milwaukee. Harry Collura, 9276 N. Sleepy Hollow Lane, Milwaukee, 53217.

N.O.W. MEDALS AVAILABLE

The medals struck by the Madison Coin Club and pictured in past issues are now available by writing Madison Coin Club, P.O. Box 1412, Madison, Wis. The oxidized silver are $3. and the oride are $1. Those of you who want to start a set of N. O. W. medals may still get the Racine medals from our new President, Ralph Parker, 2615 Ole Davidson Road, Racine. The costs are the same as the Madison medals.

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